

COMMENDING THE HUNTERDON  
CENTRAL REGIONAL HIGH  
SCHOOL VARSITY CHEER-  
LEADING SQUAD

**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hunterdon Central Regional High School Varsity Cheerleading Squad for winning the 2012 Universal Cheerleaders Association High School National Championship. After a week of competition in Orlando, Florida, this talented group of young women defeated the defending national champions to become the first team from Hunterdon Central Regional High School to bring home a national championship title.

Last year the team took second place, but the squad returned motivated this year to take home the championship. Supporters, friends and family refer to the winning performance as "The Perfect Routine." I congratulate Superintendent Christina Steffner, Principal Tim O'Brien, Head Coach Heather Buterbaugh and Assistant Coach Julie Strober for their hard work and dedication to the team. This marks another proud accomplishment for the Hunterdon Central Regional High School Athletics Department.

These talented young women should be proud of their hard work and I congratulate them on the outstanding achievement of bringing their "Perfect Routine" to the national stage.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 90TH  
BIRTHDAY OF ROSARIO PEREZ-  
PENA

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commemorate the 90th birthday of Rosario Perez-Pena, who was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico on February 28, 1922.

Rosario was married to the late Luis-Perez Soto, who was an accountant, writer, poet, playwright, musician, artist and actor. Together, they had four children, and she is now the proud grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of 18. She has spent most of her life in Puerto Rico, but also lived in New York for 24 years. She has designed and made most of her own clothes, and has been an active reader and voter throughout her life.

I join her family in wishing her a very happy birthday on this special day.

A TRIBUTE TO HIS EXCELLENCY  
AMBASSADOR HAN DUK-SOO

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer thanks and respect to His Excellency Han Duk-soo, who is departing Washington after

three years as Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States.

Before his appointment in March 2009, Ambassador Han had served as his country's Prime Minister. The fact that President Lee Myung-bak chose a man of such distinguished credentials to be his country's Ambassador to Washington demonstrates the high regard with which he holds the longstanding friendship of South Korea and the United States.

In addition to his service as Prime Minister and Ambassador to the United States, Ambassador Han has also been Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economy, Ambassador to the OECD, and a senior diplomat in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The three years of Ambassador Han's tenure in Washington have been marked by great success and achievement in strengthening the U.S.-Korea alliance.

Last October, at the invitation of this body, President Lee addressed a joint meeting of the House and Senate. It was emblematic of not only the importance of our bilateral alliance, but a reflection of Ambassador Han's diligence and the many friends he has cultivated on Capitol Hill.

Mr. Speaker, nearly six decades have come and gone since the armistice that ended the Korean War, and the United States and the Republic of Korea remain partners dedicated to peace, freedom, democracy, and global stability. Our two countries' soldiers have fought side by side not only in Korea but also in Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

In recent years, the Korean government has sponsored visits by American veterans to the place where they served and fought. Many Korean War veterans are getting up in years. There will not be many opportunities for them to revisit the battlefields of sixty years ago. The Korean people are most generous, and most gracious, in making these trips possible.

Ambassador Han has made a point of visiting with groups of Korean War veterans as he travels the United States. His personal expressions of gratitude have been touching, and most appreciated.

The friendship of the United States and Korea goes well beyond a military alliance, and well beyond our shared past on the battlefield.

Our countries are major trading partners. Our students study in each other's universities. We share numerous cultural exchanges. Ambassador Han has done much in his time here to strengthen and deepen the longstanding relationship between the United States and Korea. He will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ambassador Han Duk-soo, wishing him well in his future endeavors as the Chairman of the Korea International Trade Association. I thank him for his service and most especially his friendship.

HONORING CAPTAIN ROBERT C.  
GRANT

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Robert C. Grant, and to congratulate him on his retirement. Captain Grant

is an outstanding individual who served as the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Seventh Coast Guard District since coming on Active Duty in April of 1998.

Captain Grant first entered military service as a medic in the U.S. Air Force Reserve in December 1966, serving at both Tyndall Air Force Base near Panama City, FL and Homestead Air Force Base in South Florida. In April 1974, he received a Direct Commission in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and served as a drilling Reservist in various Coast Guard Reserve Units in the Seventh District until coming on Active Duty in April 1998. Most notable of his Reserve Unit assignments was his three year tour as Commanding Officer of U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Unit Marine Safety Office Miami, during which the majority of the 90-member unit was activated in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

During his tenure as Deputy Chief of Staff, Captain Grant served as a senior advisor to eight Admirals. He was the primary District liaison to Congressional Members and their staffs from South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Puerto Rico. His efforts assisted Congress in passing legislation that has proved instrumental in addressing new maritime smuggling tactics that constitute a threat to the United States.

Among his many achievements, Captain Grant was active in strengthening the relationship between the Coast Guard and the South Florida Hispanic and Haitian communities through a dedicated public outreach initiative. In the wake of the devastating 2010 earthquake near Port-au-Prince, Haiti, he also supported such large-scale responses as Operation Unified Response and Operation Southeast Watch—Haiti, which led to the evacuation of over 1,150 US citizens, 250 medical evacuations, the transport of over 715 first responders, and the delivery of over 1.1 million pounds of critically-needed relief cargo and equipment by Coast Guard aircraft.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Captain Robert C. Grant for his continued service to our nation, and more specifically South Florida and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

RECOGNIZING THE SPOTSYLVANIA  
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many achievements of the Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center (SRMC). Since the hospital opened in June of 2010, its staff and volunteers have served their community selflessly, assisting patients with everyday illnesses as well as after tragic incidents such as the August 2011 earthquake that was centered just 25 miles from SRMC. With over 50,000 total hours of volunteer service performed in less than two years, these individuals have shown an extraordinary devotion to their community, and their compassion and friendly service certainly played a part in SRMC's high patient satisfaction ratings in 2011.

In a perfect world, there would be no need for hospitals; however, it is reassuring to know